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Yoshiaki Shiota, et al.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2001 (Paper No. 4), please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A frame-relay frame processing device for reassembling a frame-relay frame into an Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) cell, wherein said device receives a frame-relay frame and writes said frame to a memory location shifted from an end of the next available memory location in the frame buffer.

2. (Amended) A frame-relay frame processing device according to claim 1, wherein a size of the shift from an end of the next available memory location is determined for each connection.